



Hello Friends:

I hope you are all doing well. I'm excited to inform you that my **new website** is up and running. I encourage you to visit it by going to <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a30/>.

Speaking of websites...The **California State Library** has made available through their website <http://www.library.ca.gov/tutor/> a new service called **Live Homework Help**. This service enables students to connect on-line with a tutor for assistance with homework questions. Supported by Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) federal funding, students can access Live Homework Help through [28 California public libraries](#). It is important to note that the tutors who respond to student questions are **screened, trained, and closely monitored**.

Live Homework Help is easy! Log on to <http://www.library.ca.gov/tutor/> from your computer any time between **1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.** and follow the simple setup instructions.

PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

On Thursday November 3rd, **Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary Victoria Bradshaw** and others held a joint meeting of the Economic Development and Higher Education/Workforce Development Work Groups.

The purpose of this meeting was to continue the efforts that began at the first Partnership meeting held on September 16th at the University of the Pacific in Stockton. Group members will work to identify specific goals and outcomes for the Economic Development and the Higher Education/Workforce Development Work Groups, identify existing assets and efforts that can be leveraged to help accomplish those goals, and start developing action plans and organize the ongoing efforts of the work groups. There were almost one hundred people in attendance and everyone's input made a difference. To learn more about this meeting visit the Business, Transportation and Housing website by going to www.bth.ca.gov and click on "California Partnership for the Central Valley."

TULARE MEDICAL SOCIETY MINI-INTERNSHIP

This week I shadowed **Dr. John Hipskind** at the **Kaweah Delta Hospital Emergency Room** and my Chief of Staff shadowed **Dr. James Foxe** at his private clinic. We both had in-depth

discussions with the doctors regarding the current state of the health care system. The nursing shortage in the Valley and the rest of the state has received a lot of attention, but we often forget that we are also facing a physician shortage. The San Joaquin Valley lacks enough specialists to serve those who need them. In addition, many doctors decide to set up practice elsewhere because of the costs of serving the highly uninsured population. I look forward to working with these doctors and other medical professionals in the future to address some of the concerns we discussed.

HEALTH FAIR

On **November 3rd**, I hosted a **Senior Health Fair** at the **Shafter Senior Center**. I want to thank everyone that participated and came out to Shafter. We heard presentations from **Yolanda Prado**, from the Kern County Aging and Adult Services and **Martin Garza**, from the US Social Security Office. The information they provide was extremely helpful and it put many seniors in contact with the appropriate state and federal agencies.

HEALTH ADVISORY GROUP MEETING – OSHPD Town Hall

As part of a follow-up to a Health Advisory Group meeting we had a few months ago, I hosted a Town Hall with the Office of Statewide Planning and Development (OSHPD) today. During this very important meeting several presenters provided information such as how to apply for Hospital Workforce & Community Development Division (HWCDD) programs. I want to thank **Dr. Carlisle** from **OSHPD** and his staff for driving from Sacramento for this informative meeting. For more information about the grant programs they discussed please contact Frank Stiger at (559) 585-7170 or at Frank.Stiger@asm.ca.gov.

VETERANS BUS RIDE

Our **Veterans Bus Ride** is taking place this Monday! For **Bakersfield** veterans taking part please be sure to be at my **Bakersfield District Office** by **7:45 a.m.** Those joining us from **Kings** and **Tulare** counties please be at my **Hanford Veterans Hall** by **9:30 a.m.** as our bus is scheduled to depart at promptly **9:45 a.m.**

Just to recap ...on **Monday, November 7th**, veterans will meet me at my Bakersfield district office and board a bus I've chartered for a trip to the VA Hospital in Fresno. We will make a stop in **Hanford** to pick up some more people and then continue on to Fresno. During the drive we'll have an opportunity to discuss issues affecting California veterans. Upon arriving in Fresno, we will spend time with the rest of our Valley's heroes and be treated to a live performance from the "**Next Big Thing Talent Show**," courtesy of **Joey Perez** of **J-Live Entertainment**. After the visit, we'll board the bus back to **Bakersfield**, arriving home at approximately **3:30 p.m.**

I WANT YOUR IDEAS!!

It's that time of year again when legislators start brainstorming for legislative ideas they can introduce as Assembly bills in February and eventually turn into law. As a result, I've been busy meeting with various groups and individuals throughout my district to determine what issues in the Valley can best be addressed with new legislation. If you have any ideas for new laws please e-mail me at Assemblymember.Parra@assembly.ca.gov . Make sure to include the words "New Legislation" on the subject line.

EVENTS

During our legislative break, I will be attending several meetings and events throughout the district. Below you will find just a few of the public events that I am scheduled to attend in November.

If you or your organization would like to set up a time to meet with me or would like for me to attend an event you are sponsoring, please feel free to contact my Executive Secretary Ellen Manolis at (916) 319-2030 or by e-mail at Ellen.Manolis@asm.ca.gov.

November (Tentative)

- **San Joaquin Valley Fall Commencement** - November 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Bakersfield
- **Pink Diamonds Fashion Show & Luncheon** - November 5th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Hanford
- **CA Apartment Association 8th Annual Awards Event** - November 5th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Fresno
- **Kern County Battalions Welcome Home Ceremony** - November 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in San Rafael
- **Liberty Bell Prayer in Honor of Veteran's Day** – November 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Bakersfield
- **Veterans Day Parade** – November 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Bakersfield
- **Bakersfield Leadership Program Conference** – November 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Bakersfield
- **Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California Annual Legislative Reception** – November 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Kingsburg** – November 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Kingsburg
- **Hanford Christmas Parade** – November 25th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Hanford

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

INTERNS WANTED

I am accepting applications for the fall internship program in my **Hanford, Bakersfield** and **Sacramento** offices. Candidates should be residents of the 30th Assembly District, possess solid research and communication skills, and have a strong interest in public policy and political issues facing the Central Valley. Applications can be found by going to:

<http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a30>.

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